

Survey on the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2026-2029



Help us find the right balance to promote the safety and welfare of our pets, people and environment by sharing your thoughts on key actions in the new draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2026-2029.

About you

These introductory questions help us understand the sections of our community that have provided feedback. Your responses are confidential and anonymous.

01. What is your age group? Required

Select one answer only
☐ Under 18
☐ 18 - 29
☐ 30 - 49
☐ 50 - 69
☐ 70 or over
☐ Prefer not to say

02. What is your gender? Required

Select one answer only
☐ Male
☐ Female
☐ Non-binary
☐ Prefer not to say
☐ Prefer to self-identify

03. What suburb do you live in? Required

Select one answer only
☐ Beaumaris
☐ Black Rock
☐ Brighton
☐ Brighton East
☐ Cheltenham (Bayside)
☐ Hampton
☐ Hampton East
☐ Highett (Bayside)
☐ Sandringham
☐ Prefer not to say
☐ Outside Bayside (please specify)

04. Do you currently have a pet? Required

Select one answer only
☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Prefer not to say

Question 5 for pet owners

(non-pet owners skip to Question 8)

05. What pets do you have?

Please select all that apply

Select all that apply
☐ Dog(s)
☐ Cat(s)
☐ Other (please specify)

Questions 6 & 7 for dog owners
(non-dog owners skip to Question 8)

06. What are you favourite times of day to walk your dog?

Select up to two (2)

Select between 0 and 2 answers
☐ Early morning (before 8am)
☐ Mid-morning (8am - 11am)
☐ Midday (11am - 2pm)
☐ Afternoon (2pm - 5pm)
☐ Evening (5pm - 8pm)
☐ Night (after 8pm)
☐ It varies depending on the day or my dog's needs

07. Have you ever used a dog walking service?

Select one answer only
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to say

08. Are you involved in a domestic animal business (e.g., vet clinic, groomer, trainer, walker, dog daycare)?

Select one answer only
☐ Yes ☐ No

Enforcement

09. How would you rate the enforcement of animal management laws in Bayside?

Select one answer only
☐ Not at all effective
☐ Slightly effective
☐ Moderately effective
☐ Very effective
☐ Extremely effective
☐ I'm not sure

10. Council currently prioritises education when engaging with pet owners who are not following animal management rules, with infringements (fines) typically issued for repeat offences. Which approach do you think Council should take to ensure responsible pet ownership? Required

Select one answer only
☐ Continue with an education-first approach
☐ Issue infringements (fines) for all offences
☐ Base approach on offence (e.g., education first for minor issues, infringements (fines) always for safety risks or more severe offences)
☐ I'm not sure / I need more information

11. How effective do you think targeted compliance campaigns would be for improving responsible pet ownership? Required

e.g. intensive patrol periods at specific locations

Select one answer only
☐ Not at all effective
☐ Slightly effective
☐ Moderately effective
☐ Very effective
☐ Extremely effective
☐ I'm not sure

12. Where in Bayside needs more frequent animal management patrols?

Provide as many addresses as you like, with your comment for each.

Signage

The draft DAMP includes an action to “review, improve, upgrade and increase instructional signage and path markings,” with a focus on the foreshore and parks/reserves. To help us develop new signs please answer the following questions.

13. How easy is it to understand Bayside's current dog restriction signage?

Along the foreshore/beaches
☐ Very easy
☐ Somewhat easy
☐ Neutral
☐ Somewhat difficult
☐ Very difficult
☐ Not sure
Parks and reserves
☐ Very easy
☐ Somewhat easy
☐ Neutral
☐ Somewhat difficult
☐ Very difficult
☐ Not sure

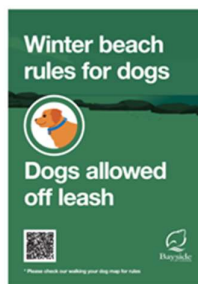
14. If a sign included a QR code linking to more information, would you use it?

Select one answer only
☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Maybe

15. Which set of signs makes the most sense to you?

Select one answer only

☐ Option A



☐ Option B



☐ Option C



16. Have you got any suggestion for how to improve our signage?

(optional)

Education

17. Which topics should we focus on in education campaigns about pet ownership?

Please select all that apply

Select all that apply
☐ Where and when dogs can be off leash
☐ Why people need to pick up dog poo
☐ Working with relevant authorities and roles to ensure we protect Rickett's Point
☐ Dog training and behaviour support
☐ Causes and prevention of dog attacks
☐ Cat night-time curfews*
☐ Managing noise and nuisance issues
☐ How to report a pet related issue
☐ Pet registration and desexing
☐ Reuniting lost pets with their families
☐ Emergency planning for pets
☐ Cultural perspectives on pets
☐ Other

* Bayside is not proceeding with 24-hour cat containment. Night-time only curfews remain in place.

Dog walkers and animal businesses

In Bayside, the Local Law allows someone to walk up to four dogs at a time.

18. In the past 12 months, how often have you seen someone walking or exercising more than four dogs at once?

Select one answer only
☐ Never
☐ Once or twice
☐ Every few months
☐ Monthly
☐ Weekly
☐ Daily
☐ Not sure

19. Have professional dog walkers caused or contributed to any issues in your local parks or public spaces?

Select one answer only
☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Not sure

20. If yes, what was the issue? Required

Select all that apply
☐ Dogs digging on sporting ovals
☐ Dogs off-leash without effective control
☐ Dogs disturbing other park users
☐ Dog walkers not supervising dogs
☐ Dog walkers with more than 4 dogs
☐ Other

Final thoughts

21. Do you have any additional comments or suggestions about domestic animal management?

22. Did you have the information you needed to provide your feedback?

Select one answer only
☐ Information was very easy to find and understand
☐ Information was mostly easy to find and understand
☐ Information was mostly hard to find and understand
☐ Information was very hard to find and understand
☐ I'm not sure

23. What information was missing?

Surveys must be returned by 22 September 2025

Email: yoursay@bayside.vic.gov.au

Post to DAMP Engagement, Bayside City Council, PO Box 27, Sandringham 3191.

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Your contact details Required	
Your name:	
Residential Street:	Postcode
Email address (if you wish to receive updates about this project)	

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